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Re: Patent Application Serial No. 09/09/785,772 entitled "System and Method for Data Encryption"; Our File No. OUI200/4-002

Dear Sir:

Enclosed for filing are the following:

- 1. Response to Notice of Incomplete Reply;
- 2. Request for Extension of Time;
- 3. 1 Sheet of Informal Drawings;
- 4. Check in the amount of \$195.00; and
- 5. Return postcard to acknowledge receipt of these documents. Please date stamp and mail this postcard upon receipt.

Should any additional fees be deemed necessary for any reason relating to the enclosed materials, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to deduct said fee from VINSON & ELKINS L.L.P. Deposit Account No. 22-0365/QUI200/4-002.

Respectfully Submitted,

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In re Application of: QuickFlex, Inc.

Serial No.: 09/785,772

Filed: February 16, 2001

For: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR DATA

**ENCRYPTION** 

Group Art Unit: 2131

Examiner: To Be Assigned

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#### CERTIFICATE OF MAILING 37 C.F.R 1.8

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the U.S. Postal Service with sufficient postage as First Class Mail in an envelope addressed to: Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, DC 20231, on the date below:

July 20, 2001

Date

Andrew G. DiNovo

# RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF INCOMPLETE REPLY (NONPROVISIONAL)

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Sir:

Responsive to the Notice of Incomplete Reply, a copy of which is enclosed herewith, attached is a substitute drawing in compliance with 37 CFR 1.84 which was omitted from our Response to the Notice to File Corrected Application Papers filed April 26, 2001.

Applicant respectfully requests a two month extension of time to file this response to the Notice of Incomplete Reply dated May 17, 2001. A check in the amount of \$195 is enclosed herewith.

No additional fees are believed due, however, should any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 be deemed necessary for any reason, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to deduct said fees from Vinson & Elkins L.L.P. Deposit Account No. 22-0365/QUI200/4-002.

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# NOTICE OF INCOMPLETE REPLY (NONPROVISIONAL)

### Filing Date Granted

The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office has received your reply on to the Notice mailed and it has been entered into the nonprovisional application. The reply, however, doesnot include the following items required in the Notice.

The period of reply remains as set forth in the Notice. You may, however, obtain EXTENSIONS OF TIME under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136 (a)accompanied by the appropriate fee (37 CFR 1.17(a)).

A complete reply must be timely filed to prevent ABANDONMENT of the above-identified application.

- Figure(s) 2 described in the specification.
- I. Should applicant contend that the above-noted omitted item(s) was in fact deposited in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) with the nonprovisional application papers, a copy of this Notice and a petition (and \$130.00 petition fee (37 CFR 1.17(h))) with evidence of such deposit must be filed within TWO MONTHS of the date of this Notice. The petition fee will be refunded if is determined that the item(s) was received by the USPTO.
- II. Should applicant desire to supply the omitted item(s) and accept the date that such omitted item(s) was filed in the USPTO as the filing date of the above-identified application, a copy of this Notice, the omitted item(s) (with a supplemental oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63 and 1.64 referring to such items), and a petition under 37 CFR 1.182 (with the \$130.00 petition fee (37 CFR 1.17(h)) requesting the later filing date must be filed within TWO MONTHS of the date of this Notice.
- III. The failure to file a petition (and petition fee) under the above options (I) or (II) within TWO MONTHS of the date of this Notice (37 CFR 1.181(f)) will be treated as a constructive acceptance by the applicant of the application as deposited in the USPTO. THIS TWO MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a) or (b). In the absence of a timely filed petition in reply to this Notice, the application will maintain a filing date as of the date of deposit of the application papers in the USPTO, and original application papers (i.e., the original disclosure of the invention) will include only those application papers present in the USPTO on the date of deposit.

In the event that applicant elects not to take action pursuant to options (I) or (II) above (thereby constructively electing option (III)), amendment of the specification to renumber the pages consecutively and cancel incomplete sentences caused by any omitted page(s), and/or amendment of the specification to cancel all references to any omitted drawing(s), relabel the drawing figures to be numbered consecutively (if necessary), and correct the references in the specification to the drawing figures to correspond with any relabelled drawing figures, is required. Any drawing changes should be accompanied by a copy of the drawing figures showing the proposed changes in red ink. Such amendment and/or correction to the drawing figures, if necessary, should be by way of preliminary amendment submitted prior to the first Office action to avoid delays in the prosecution of the application.

A copy of this notice <u>MUST</u> be returned with the reply.

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